Isis District State High School

JUNIOR SECONDARY News

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

From Monday of Week 7 Term 4, there will only be twenty school days until the commencement of our full Junior Secondary program at the start of 2015 and we are ready! I look forward to seeing all of our 2015 Year 7 and Year 8 students together at their upcoming transition days. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your student to start developing new friendships, meet their teachers for next year and have an extended learning experience here at Isis District State High School. This will ensure a calm transition into Secondary School. We are all here to help and support your student. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate contacting the school.

I would like to wish all students and families a restful and safe Christmas and holiday break and look forward to meeting up again in 2015.

Kind Regards,
Brett Kavanagh
Principal

FROM THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT- JUNIOR SECONDARY...

Over the past few weeks, Isis High Junior Secondary and Administrative staff have been busy conducting Enrolment Interviews with the families of our future Year 7 and 8 students.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers of potential 2015 Year 7 and 8 pupils to attend an Enrolment Meeting. The information collected at these short meetings gives staff an in-sight into the learning and social and emotional needs of your child. In effect, the interview gives your child the best possible chance of fitting in and succeeding at their new school.

As these meetings are a priority for staff, we’re very flexible about meeting times. We also realise that parents are busy people with work and family commitments that often stop them from attending these important meetings. That’s why we encourage them to book their interview in advance. If you need to book an interview, please call our Office on 41 921 222.

2015 Year 8 / Year 7 Enrolment Interviews
Isis Dist. State High School
Need to book an interview?

Call our Office on
41 921 222
from attending meetings during working hours. **For those parents we haven’t spoken to yet, call us to arrange a time that suits.** We will do everything possible to fit in with your schedule.

Preparations continue for the arrival of Year 7 in 2015. At the time of writing this article there are only 23 school days left before our new Year 7 students arrive. Our Year 7 teachers have been visiting Primary Schools to tap into their expertise regarding the Year 7 curriculum. Timetables and activities have been prepared for the upcoming ‘Year 6 Into Year 7’ and ‘Year 7 Into Year 8’ transition days and budgets have been submitted to authorise the purchase of resources needed to deliver curriculum. It’s full steam ahead!

Gary Munks

**Welcome- Our New Year 7 Year Level Co-ordinator- Ms Meryl McCulloch**

Great news! Ms Meryl McCulloch has agreed to work as our Year 7 Year Level Co-ordinator in 2015. Ms McCulloch is a highly experienced secondary educator (currently teaching Modern History and Art) with superb organisational talent and the interpersonal skills needed to connect with and mentor our new Year 7 students. She has already been able to inject herself into the planning processes that have been going on regarding Year 7. I know that she is looking forward to tackling the challenges that will naturally arise with the commencement of Year 7 at Isis District State High School. You’re very lucky to have her on board.

Gary Munks

**Uniform Shop**

Get in early before the price rise- 1 January, 2015

Opening Hours- Tuesday Mornings- 8:00 till 12 noon

+ Pupil Free Days

22/01/15, 23/01/15, 27/01/15 & 28/01/15

The uniform shop will be opened on Tues. 2 and Wed. 3 December for purchases, size ‘try on’ and ordering for 2015. The school’s Uniform Shop is equipped with EFTPOS for added convenience. The uniform shop is located at the front of the Main Campus of Isis High under A Block. The hours of operation will be 8 am to 12 noon.
Transition Days- ‘On-track’ for Success at Isis District State High School

Future Isis High students who are currently in Year 6 and 7 will be joining us for a series of Transition Days in December. The purpose of these visits is to give students a chance to get to know us and engage with the facilities here at Isis High.

Dates 2014 Transition Days

Year 7 Into Year 8 Transition Days- 1st and 2nd of December

Year 6 Into Year 7 Transition Days- 3rd and 4th of December

Need to know more? Have questions? Contact Gary Munks on 41 921 222 or e-mail gmunk1@eq.edu.au.

53rd Annual Awards Ceremonies- Isis District State High School

28th of October, saw Isis High holding it’s annual daytime and evening Awards Ceremonies. Junior Secondary students featured in both Ceremonies, receiving awards in a wide range of categories including Junior Secondary Academic Awards, Junior Sport’s Encouragement Award and Junior Sportsperson for 2014. It was also inspiring to hear our Guest Speaker- Mr. Chris Wright, Olympian and Architecture Student outline to students and staff the skills and qualities he has had to employ to be a success on the sporting field and with life in general.

Year 8 No-Limits Girl’s Group Conquer Mt. Woowoonga

Congratulations to the Girl’s No Limit’s Group who on Tuesday the 4th of November climbed Mt. Woowoonga. This is our second Year 8 group of students who in 2014 have completed the ‘No Limits’ Program with our school Chaplain- Ralph Thurlow. Well done Miss Lisa Marsh (Teacher) who also was able to reach the summit.

F.A.Q.’S- Year 7 2015

Question: I’m enrolling my child in Year 7 at Isis District State High School. Will they be working solely at the Annexe?
Answer: Whilst, we hope to maximise use of the Annexe as a Year 7 precinct, not all lessons will be conducted at the Annexe. Some classes will require specialist resources e.g. Manual Arts and these lessons will be undertaken at the Main Campus.

Question: I’m concerned that with Year 7 coming to the High School, my Year 8 child is going to be neglected.

Answer: This will definitely not be the case. Staff are working hard to ensure that 2015’s Year 8 cohort are given the best chance of a quality educational experience. The coming of Year 7 to our school has provided us with the perfect opportunity to revise and update the curriculum and procedures related to Junior Secondary education.

Fridge Ready Calendar - What’s Coming Up in the Junior Secondary School at Isis High - Keep Me for Future Reference!

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